

February 17, 1981

LB 80, 104

E & R Initial. The next bill is LB 80, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 80 offered by the Ag and Environment Committee and signed by the members. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 9 and referred to Ag and Environment for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it is a very simple bill. Ten years ago when the Legislature first adopted the Ag Products and Industrial Utilization Act, we named the committee for that act because we did not know just what direction the research would take us. I think it is apparent to all of us now that the research has led very directly toward the development of alcohol fuels as an alternate source of energy. I think that it is fair to say that Nebraska has provided a leadership in this area and that many other states in the nation have followed the leadership of the 1971 Nebraska Legislature in establishing this committee. The reason for the name change is that because many other states have adopted the term "gasohol" as an identification of the blend of 90 percent gasoline and alcohol and have established gasohol committees became apparent to those of us here in Nebraska that perhaps for purposes of public identification it would be better served if we renamed the Ag Products and Industrial Utilization Committee the Nebraska Gasohol Committee. I concur with that, and while I do not believe that we should close the door on research into new varieties of other crops and new ways to use those existing crops, I think that it does serve us well at this time to rename the committee the Gasohol Committee, and I ask for your endorsement.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LB 80? If not, I guess, Senator Schmit, the opening is your closing and the question is the advance of LB 80 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. LB 80 is advanced to E & R Initial. The next bill is LB 104.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 104 was offered by the Ag and